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2009 AIRPORT REGIONAL TAXI SERVICE (ARTS) SERVICE APPLICATION

The Consumer Services Department is seeking taxicab license owners to participate in the Airport Regional Taxi Service (ARTS) program. The department seeks to add a total of seven (7) ARTS vehicles including three (3) that will be set aside for wheelchair accessible vehicles.

Applications will be accepted starting **Monday, October 5, 2009**, and will continue to be accepted until the desired number of ARTS vehicles has been reached.

Upon full compliance with the requirements for participation in the lottery, applicants shall be entered into the random selection process. The criteria for participating in the ARTS program are as follows:

- The applicant must be a taxicab for-hire medallion/license holder or a principal in an entity that owns a for-hire medallion/license authorized to operate countywide.
- There shall be no outstanding civil violations against the for-hire medallion/license holder. Any outstanding civil violation must be resolved prior to the date of the random lottery selection event.
- For-hire medallion/license holder applicants must not have been found guilty of more than two (2) citations (by an administrative hearing officer or by failing to pay or appeal the citation within the established time) or have paid more than two (2) fines for violating Chapter 31 of the County Code during the two (2) year period prior to the first date that applications were accepted. **(October 5, 2009)**

For Hire Medallion/License Holders who are selected and authorized to participate in the ARTS service will be subject to, and will be expected to comply with, the ARTS rules and regulations attached to the registration form.

All ARTS vehicles authorized through this lottery will be required to operate seven days a week, 24 hours a day, and shall be equipped with an AVI Transponder issued by the Miami Dade Aviation Department, Landside Division.

License holders may submit only one (1) application for each for-hire license/medallion owned. Each applicant may apply for only one (1) of the following categories: Regular – Wheelchair.

APPLICANT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING AND MAINTAINING A COPY OF THIS APPLICATION.

Type or print neatly. Complete and **notarize** the application. The application must be submitted **in person** by the applicant at 140 W. Flagler Street, Suite 904, Miami, Florida. Picture identification is required.

NOTE: Applications may be submitted by third parties upon the presentation of a current, valid, power of attorney. The original power of attorney must be presented at the time of submission.

For questions regarding the application, please call Steven Bobes, Administrative Officer, at (305) 375.2481

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Total Collected: \$ _____

Date: _____

CONSUMER SERVICES DEPARTMENT
2009 AIRPORT REGIONAL TAXI SERVICE (ARTS) APPLICATION

Application forms will be accepted starting **Monday, October 5, 2009 until further notice.**

LICENSE HOLDER IDENTIFICATION

For Hire License Number: _____

Name of License Holder (as it appears on the for hire license): _____

Address (as it appears in PTRD records) _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Telephone Number _____

Fax Number _____

E-Mail Address _____

Passenger Service Company affiliation _____

LOTTERY CATEGORY: (Mark the category of license you are applying for)

License holders may apply for only one (1) of the following categories: Regular – Wheelchair.

REGULAR _____

WHEELCHAIR _____

Are there any outstanding/unpaid civil violations against the license holder?

YES [] NO []

If YES, explain _____

Have you been found guilty of more than two (2) citations (by an administrative hearing officer or by failing to pay or appeal the citation within the established time) or have paid more than two (2) fines for violating Chapter 31 of the County Code during the two (2) year period prior to the first date that applications were accepted. **(October 5, 2009)**

YES [] NO []

If YES, explain _____

_____ For Hire License Number

CERTIFICATION

Before me, the undersigned authority, this day personally appeared the lottery applicant, who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says, that he/she is the applicant in the foregoing application; that the statements made herein and attached hereto are true and correct; has been provided with a copy of the rules and regulations governing the ARTS service, and agrees to comply with the rules and regulations governing the ARTS service and the requirements of Chapter 31 of the Miami-Dade County Code if selected as an ARTS lottery winner

The undersigned further grants authority to Miami-Dade County to verify the information contained herein; understands that Miami-Dade County reserves the right to deny this application and/or revoke any ARTS authorization awarded as a result of the submission of this application, based upon any misrepresentation, alteration and/or omission.

Name of license holder (print name)

Signature of license holder, officer or authorized representative

Print name of officer or authorized representative signing
statement (if not license holder)

E-mail address

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public

SEAL

My Commission Expires:

AIRPORT REGIONAL TAXICAB SERVICE (ARTS)
RANDOM LOTTERY SELECTION PROCESS

RULES AND REGULATIONS

A. ARTS AUTHORIZATION ISSUANCE AND TERMS:

1. An applicant for an Airport Regional Taxicab Service (ARTS) authorization shall complete an ARTS registration form for each for-hire license to be considered for this service and submit it with all applicable fees pursuant to Administrative Order 04-107 or any successor Administrative Order that establishes fees. Each taxicab for-hire license shall be allowed one entry. The fee must be submitted to the Consumer Services Department (CSD) – Passenger Transportation Regulatory Division (PTRD), 140 West Flagler Street, Room 904, Miami, Florida 33130. Any changes in the information provided herein shall be updated at all times by the applicant.
2. Registration forms will be received by the CSD-PTRD and upon full compliance with the requirements for application shall be entered into the random selection process. The criteria for participation in the random lottery selection process are outlined below.
 - The applicant must be a taxicab for-hire license holder.
 - There shall be no outstanding civil violations under Chapter 8CC of the Code of Miami Dade-County against the taxicab for-hire license holder. Any outstanding civil violation must be resolved prior to the date of the random lottery selection event.
 - Taxicab for-hire license holder applicants must not have been found guilty of more than two (2) citations (by an administrative hearing officer or by failing to pay or appeal the citation within the established time) or have paid more than two (2) fines for violating Chapter 31 of the County Code during the two (2) year period prior to the first date that applications were accepted.
3. Random selection of existing Miami-Dade County for-hire licenses for award of an ARTS authorization will be conducted as needed to replenish both in-service ARTS vehicles and the stand-by alternates list. The lottery will be conducted at a time and place to be announced at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of selection (drawing).
4. The random selection process will be conducted as follows:
 - a. ARTS authorization will be awarded in sequential order of selection.
 - b. CSD shall select sufficient for-hire medallions to bring the current list of in-service ARTS vehicles to twenty-five (25) with the authority to increase the number of in-service ARTS vehicles as CSD deems necessary to ensure the needs of the Aviation Department. Ten (10 %) percent of all ARTS vehicles, rounded up to the nearest whole vehicle, shall be wheelchair accessible cabs. ARTS authorized vehicles will be placed in service immediately.
 - c. There will be an additional ten (10) taxicab for-hire licenses selected who will be placed on an alternates list.
5. ARTS authorization will be issued to the specific for-hire license holder that has been selected. ARTS authorization and/or designation as an ARTS alternate are not transferable. In the event

that a medallion holder who has received an ARTS authorization or has been selected as an alternate transfers the for-hire medallion to another party, the ARTS authorization or alternate designation will be revoked immediately upon approval of said transfer.

6. ARTS selections will be for as long as the ARTS authorized license holder remains in compliance and has not been revoked for any violation of the Rules and Regulations herein or any other violations punishable by revocation of the ARTS authorization. ARTS license holders may withdraw from the ARTS program upon written request by the medallion holder to the CSD.
7. In the event an ARTS authorization is revoked, CSD shall replace the revoked authorized for-hire taxicab license with the next for-hire taxicab license on the alternates list.
8. All ARTS authorizations and selections are subject to revocation by the CSD for violation of these Rules and Regulations, Chapter 31 of the Code of Miami Dade County or Miami-Dade Aviation Department Operational Directive #42.

B. VEHICLE STANDARDS

1. All ARTS permits and selections must comply with the vehicle standards as defined by Section 31-89 of the Code of Miami-Dade County.
2. Every ARTS taxicab used to provide transportation services under an ARTS authorization must be painted the specific color as determined by CSD. Each vehicle must be permanently marked in white letters with the passenger service company name (2" high) and telephone number (2" high), and the for-hire medallion number (standard size) at the seven (7) CSD designated places on the vehicle exterior. All other exterior and interior markings/signage will be provided by the CSD-PTRD and must be displayed in accordance with instructions issued by the CSD.
3. The ARTS taxicab shall not have a taximeter installed or otherwise in the vehicle while providing ARTS service.
4. The ARTS taxicab must be equipped with the Miami International Airport Automatic Vehicle Identification (AVI) system transponder.
5. Any vehicle not meeting the vehicle standards set forth in this subsection shall be suspended from service until violations are corrected and the vehicle passes inspection.

C. OPERATING STANDARDS

1. ARTS transportation service can only be provided within the ARTS areas (Zones A, B and C). A map of the ARTS zones must be prominently displayed in the passenger compartment.
2. ARTS chauffeurs may not transport passengers to destinations outside the ARTS zones.
3. ARTS taxicabs cannot operate on the airport upper level (top ramp), unless instructed by landside operations. ARTS service is exclusive to lower level.
4. ARTS taxicabs shall not double load passengers, except when directed by the appropriate Aviation Department authority.

5. All ARTS taxicabs must return to airport immediately after dropping off a passenger at their destination.
6. ARTS taxicabs shall provide minimum daily service as delineated below unless otherwise directed by the Aviation Department Director or designee.
 - a. All ARTS vehicles must be in operation seven (7) days a week, twenty-four (24) hours a day.
 - b. All ARTS authorized taxicab for-hire license holders must arrange for additional chauffeurs to meet the required schedule above.
7. The total fare for trips to locations in Zones A through C are determined by resolution R-1089-05 or any successor resolution determining flat fares.

D. SERVICE STANDARDS

1. ARTS chauffeurs shall open doors for passengers.
2. ARTS chauffeurs shall load and unload luggage. Any ARTS chauffeur with a temporary or permanent physical impairment which prevents him/her from providing this service must file documentation to the CSD from a physician describing the impairment and specifying the length of time that the impairment will affect the chauffeur.
3. In the event that no ARTS taxicabs are available, regular line taxicabs will be required to transport short-haul passengers. Miami-Dade Aviation Department personnel will utilize this normal operating procedure when, in their judgment, no ARTS taxicab is immediately available and the needs of the passengers will be served by this action.

E. CHAUFFEUR STANDARDS

1. ARTS chauffeurs shall at all times during the performance of their duties be in compliance with Chapter 31 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Miami-Dade Aviation Department Operational Directive #42 and these Rules and Regulations.
2. Chauffeurs must be approved by the CSD before providing service under an ARTS authorized permit. First time applicants must possess a minimum of two (2) years professional taxicab chauffeur experience in Miami-Dade County. In addition, first time applicants must not have been found guilty of more than two (2) citations (by an administrative hearing officer or by failing to pay or appeal the citation within the established time) or have paid more than two (2) fines for violating Chapter 31 of the County Code during the last two (2) years.

Each chauffeur is subject to inspection by authorized Miami-Dade personnel, and said inspection shall include but is not limited to, cleanliness, general appearance, and ability to perform as a chauffeur. Chauffeurs who do not meet ARTS standards stated herein shall be suspended from ARTS service until corrective action has been taken.

F. CHAUFFEUR REVOCATION FROM ARTS PROGRAM

1. All ARTS chauffeur revocations shall be made administratively and the chauffeur shall have the opportunity to appeal the revocation at an administrative hearing held in accordance with Section 31-91 of the Code of Miami-Dade County.

2. ARTS chauffeurs shall be revoked from the ARTS program if they have paid or have been found guilty (by an administrative hearing officer or by failing to pay or appeal the citation within the established time) of one (1) citation for any of the following infractions:
 - a. Transporting a passenger outside of the ARTS zone.
 - b. Failure to use the established ARTS rate.
 - c. Refusal to transport a passenger.
3. Any ARTS chauffeur who is issued two (2) citations over any twelve (12) month period, for any violation of Chapter 31 of the Miami-Dade County Code which is not listed in F (2) shall automatically lose the privilege to operate under an ARTS authorized license after the period for appeal has lapsed; provided, however, this action will not affect his or her privilege to continue operating a regular taxicab. If an administrative hearing is requested to appeal a citation, the chauffeur will remain in ARTS service pending final disposition of the citation. If the administrative hearing officer finds that the chauffeur violated Chapter 31 and/or if the chauffeur pays the fine, said chauffeur shall not be allowed to provide chauffeur service under an ARTS authorized license for one year from the date of removal from the ARTS program as a result of the second violation/citation.
4. Chauffeurs may not re-apply to drive an ARTS vehicle until one (1) year of removal from the ARTS program has passed provided that during that period the chauffeur has not been found guilty of one or more citations (by an administrative hearing officer or by failing to pay or appeal the citation within the established time) or have paid more than one (1) or more fine(s) for any violations of Chapter 31.

G. ARTS AUTHORIZED TAXICAB FOR-HIRE LICENSE HOLDER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Each ARTS authorized taxicab for-hire license holder must ensure that service is provided in conformity with Chapter 31 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Dade County Aviation Department Operational Directive #42 and the Rules and Regulations.
2. Each ARTS authorized taxicab for-hire license holder shall complete a "Chauffeur Approval/Withdrawal Form" for each Chauffeur driving the ARTS vehicle. The Form must include all required information and shall be submitted to the CSD-PTRD office, 140 West Flagler Street, 9th Floor, Room 904, for approval. No Chauffeur shall provide ARTS service without CSD-PTRD approval. Withdrawal of chauffeurs may be submitted at any time.
3. Each ARTS authorized taxicab for-hire license holder shall be deemed responsible for the authorized chauffeur's compliance with these Rules and Regulations, Chapter 31 regulations particularly as set forth under applicable subsections of Section 31-303(i)(1) through (i) (22) and Section 31-85, and MDAD Operational Directive #42.
4. The ARTS vehicle may be replaced at any time subject to CSD approval.
5. Each ARTS authorized taxicab for-hire license holder shall collect and maintain trip sheets as required under Section 31-85 (e) of the Code of Miami-Dade County. In addition, the taxicab for-hire license holder shall be responsible for maintaining a supply of receipts in his/her ARTS vehicle(s).

6. Insurance shall be provided in accordance with Chapter 31 of the Code of the Miami-Dade County.

H. DRIVER OWNER REVOCATION FROM ARTS PROGRAM

1. All revocations of ARTS authorized taxicab for-hire licenses held by a driver owner shall be made administratively and the driver owner shall have the opportunity to appeal the revocation at an administrative hearing held in accordance with Section 31-91 of the Code of Miami-Dade County. An ARTS authorized taxicab for-hire license undergoing a revocation proceeding shall remain in ARTS service until final disposition of the proceedings or until the appeal period has lapsed, at which time the ARTS authorization shall be automatically revoked.
2. ARTS authorized taxicab for-hire licenses shall be automatically revoked from ARTS service by the CSD if the driver owner violates any of the following:
 - a. Transporting a passenger outside the ARTS zone.
 - b. Failure to use the established ARTS rates.
 - c. Refusal to transport a passenger.
 - d. If the driver owner allows an unauthorized or suspended chauffeur to operate the ARTS taxicab.
 - e. If the driver owner is issued two (2) citations over any twelve (12) month period, for any violation of Chapter 31 of the Miami-Dade County Code not listed in subsections a - d above.
3. A driver owner who is issued two (2) citations over any twelve (12) month period, for any violation of Chapter 31 of the Miami-Dade County Code which is not listed in H (2) shall automatically lose the privilege to operate under an ARTS authorized license after the period for appeal has lapsed; provided, however, this action will not affect his or her privilege to continue operating a regular taxicab. If an administrative hearing is requested to appeal a citation, the driver owner will remain in ARTS service pending final disposition of the citation. If the administrative hearing officer finds that the driver owner violated Chapter 31 and/or if the driver owner pays the fine, said driver owner shall not be allowed to provide chauffeur service under an ARTS authorized license for one year from the date of removal from the ARTS program as a result of the second violation/citation
4. Taxicab for-hire license driver owners may not re-apply for the ARTS lottery until after one (1) year of removal from the ARTS program has passed provided, however, that during that period the driver owner has not been found guilty of one (1) or more citations (by an administrative hearing officer or by failing to pay or appeal the citation within the established time) or have paid more than one (1) or more fine(s) for any violations of Chapter 31.

I. PERMIT HOLDER REVOCATION OF ARTS DESIGNATION FOR VIOLATIONS BY NON-OWNER ARTS CHAUFFEURS

1. ARTS authorization shall be revoked from a taxicab for-hire license if any non-owner chauffeur ARTS driver commits two violations of Section F (2) during a twelve (12) month period. The

revocation will be automatically imposed once he/she has been found guilty of the violations (by an administrative hearing officer or by failing to pay or appeal the citation within the established time).

- a. Transporting a passenger outside the ARTS zone.
 - b. Failure to use the established ARTS rates.
 - c. Refusal to transport a passenger.
 - d. If the driver owner allows an unauthorized or suspended chauffeur to operate the ARTS taxicab.
2. ARTS authorization shall be revoked from a for-hire license by the CSD if an ARTS chauffeur commits four (4) or more violations of Chapter 31 of the Miami-Dade County Code not listed in Section I (1). The revocation will be automatically imposed once the chauffeur has been found guilty of the violations (by an administrative hearing officer or by failing to pay or appeal the citation within the established time) or by having paid the fines.
3. Taxicab for-hire license holders may not re-apply for the ARTS lottery until after one (1) year of removal from the ARTS program has passed provided, however, that during that period the taxicab for-hire license holder has not been found guilty of two (2) or more citations (by an administrative hearing officer or by failing to pay or appeal the citation within the established time) or have paid two (2) or more fine(s) for any violations of Chapter 31.